

Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2020

7:00 p.m.

The April 27, 2020 meeting of the Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission took place online due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Holcomb's shelter-in-place orders beginning Tuesday, March 24. All government offices are closed to in-person public activity until at least May 26, 2020. All nonessential City employees are working remotely whenever possible and are continuing to provide core functions online and by phone. All necessary meetings are being conducted observing safe practices, including conference calls and online streaming (<https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofLafayetteIN/live>).

Commission Members in Attendance: John Burns, Julie Ginn, Kevin Klinker, Sean Lutes, Shawna McCully, Patti Morgan, Amy Paget, Glen Vick and Kurt Wahl

Staff in Attendance: John Collier, Dann Keiser, Michelle Conwell

Guests: Dale Webster

Call to Order

Noting a quorum, John Burns called the meeting of the Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:02 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Kevin Klinker moved to recommend approval of the of the January 27, 2020 meeting minutes. Patti Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

New Business

Public Relations and Education Committee report

No report was made by the Public Relations and Education Committee.

District Committee report

No report was made by the Public Relations and Education Committee.

COA Committee report

COA applications:

COA – 424 Main St – Window Replacements

Applicant, Dale Webster, brought this COA for the replacement of two previously replaced wood windows on the 2nd story of 424 Main St. These windows will be replaced with new wood replacement windows to match in style and color the wood replacement windows that were installed several years ago on the 3rd floor of that same building. Kevin Klinker moved to recommend approval. Amy Paget seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

COA-1001 Main Street – Modification to Fence

Applicants, Michelle Wise and Marla Miner, were not present for the online meeting, but John Collier gave an overview of the application. The COA application is for a more decorative fence around the future outdoor dining area at The Cellar Wine Bistro at 1001 Main St., than what the HPC previously approved as part of the Main Street Streetscape Phase 3 project several months ago. NOTE: Julie Ginn, as building owner of this project, did not vote on this COA, even though she is not the applicant. Kevin Klinker moved to recommend approval. Glen Vick seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote, Julie Ginn abstained.

Other Business

419 Main Street – Emergency Repair - Brick Infill Due To Unforeseen

John Collier addressed this already completed emergency repair project to infill a window opening with brick due to a structural problem encountered during the renovation project. Patti Morgan, the building owner, explained that this window was to have been repaired, but a serious structural issue was exposed while doing interior work that posed a risk of collapse of this portion of the wall, so the repair was done immediately. Dann Keiser mentioned that the original direction for the repair was to include an offset from the existing exterior façade to indicate the original window opening. Patti Morgan explained that because of the thickness of the block that infilled the wall, maintaining an offset was not possible. Amy Paget moved to recommend approval. Kevin Klinker seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote. As building owner, Patti Morgan abstained.

Staff Report

John Collier thanked everyone for their continued patience with the online meeting process. Once the COVID-19 orders are removed and it's safe to gather face to face again, the Commission meetings will be moved to City Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall. This is being done to limit access to the second floor of City Hall after regular business hours, but the larger meeting space will be beneficial from a social distancing standpoint as well. Finally, since May is Historic Preservation month, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology provided posters that highlight a few of the remaining Indiana Coca-Cola bottling plants. John will share the posters with Commissioners once we're able to meet in the same physical space. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the Preserving Historic Places Conference that was scheduled for this month in South Bend, IN has been postponed to a yet-to-be determined date in the fall. Consequently, continuing education requirements for HPC members has been waived for this year.

Public Comment

John Burns asked for additional comments from the public. There were no comments from the public and no emails were received on the web-ed@lafayette.in.gov email account prior to the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, Kevin Klinker moved to adjourn the meeting. Patti Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with roll call vote and the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Conwell, Recording Secretary

Approved: _____

Glen Vick, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission